

EARTH SCIENCE ENTERPRISE PROGRAMMATIC OVERVIEW

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Key Findings from Biennial Review

Technology Infusion Strategy

- Drive technology development efforts based on science needs
- Fund technology development that supports more efficient and costeffective instrument implementation and shortens mission development cycle

Implementation of MTPE Program After 2002

- Future MTPE missions planned to implement the 5 MTPE science themes
 - Flexibility to respond to emerging science questions incorporated
- New partnerships will be sought in international, interagency and commercial areas
- Principal Investigator (PI)-driven solicitation approach will be utilized as much as appropriate
- Shorter development times will result from increased focus on instrument technology development and increased reliance on commercial spacecraft
- Allow time for learning from 1st series missions before soliciting followon missions



New Ways of Doing Business

- Maintaining a responsive, open science program beyond 2002
 - Plans are in place to complete first phase of measurements
 - Near-term decisions will focus on defining process vs monitoring measurements in land use/land cover and global productivity research required as follow-on to the AM-1 and Landsat-7 measurements initiated in 1998.
 - National Assessment (Regional Workshops), expanded partnering with Mission Agencies, and inclusion of Stennis programs are significantly expanding outreach and practical application of research and technology
 - All subsequent measurements will be recompeted in a manner to ensure the responsiveness to science priorities and technology capabilities
 - This will allow initiation of technology and partnering activities to support these measurements in the 2004 period

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OES Program Implementation

- Earth System Science Pathfinder (ESSP)
- Instrument Incubator Program (IIP)
- Concepts for Post-EOS Science and Applications Missions
- Earth Orbiting Commercial Remote Sensing Program (EOCAP)
- UAV Science Program
- LightSAR Program
- New Millennium Program (NMP)

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